

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A powder body metering apparatus comprises a metering container including an inlet in an upper end, and a switch valve for opening and closing the inlet of the metering container, wherein an internal capacity of said metering container is variable, a first opening being provided in a lower portion and a separate second opening being provided in a desired portion, said first opening and said second opening each being spaced from said inlet, said first opening communicating with said second opening through said metering container.

2. (original) A powder body metering apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein a powder body discharge port is formed in the lower portion of the metering container, and the powder body discharge port is freely opened and closed by a closing member.